

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace paragraph [0053] of the specification with the following paragraph:

**[0053]** In the embodiment of Figure 1, test slide 20 comprises a microscope slide base 24 and a cover slip 28. A locating and test pattern, described below in more detail, is formed on the side of cover slip 28 adjacent slide base 24. Slide base 24 includes an image area 32 which is surrounded by a expansion volume 36 and an adhesive ring 40. A more detailed description of slide base 24 is given in co-pending U.S. Patent application serial number [[•]] 08/882,491, filed June 25, 1997 and now U.S. Patent No. 6,381,013, which issued April 30, 2002 to the present inventor and assignee of the present invention and the contents of that application are incorporated herein by reference.